

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION  
of the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress <sup>1</sup>**

[Date approved:: November 12, 2004 ]<sup>2</sup>

**Bill No. and sponsor:** H.R. 4771 (Mr. Baker)

**Proponent name, location:** Rhodia  
1275 Airline Highway 70805  
Baton Rouge, LA

**Other bills on product (108<sup>th</sup> Congress only):** None.

**Nature of bill:** Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2007.

**Retroactive effect:** None.

**Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):**

Cyclopentanone (CAS No. 120-92-3) (provided for in subheading 2914.29.50)

**Check one:** ☐ Same as that in bill as introduced  
☒ Different from that in bill as introduced (explain differences in Technical  
comments section)

**Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:**

This synthetic organic chemical is used primarily as a solvent in the manufacture of Hedione.<sup>3</sup> It may also be used in certain electronic applications. Rhodia imports the product from a plant in France.

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<sup>1</sup> Industry analyst preparing report: Eric Land (202-205-3349); Tariff Affairs contact: Dave Beck (202-205-2603).

<sup>2</sup> Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at <http://www.usitc.gov/billrpts.htm> Access to a paper copy is available at the Commission's Law Library (202-205-3287) or at the Commission's Main Library (202-205-2630).

<sup>3</sup> Hedione (CAS No. 24851-98-7 and 2630-39-9, also known as methyl dihydrojasmonate) is a colorless to light yellow oily liquid used in several flavor and fragrance compounds.

**Estimated effect on customs revenue:**

<b>HTS subheading: <u>2914.29.50</u></b>					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE) <u>1/</u>	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%
Estimated value <b>dutiable</b> imports	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000
Customs revenue loss	\$288,000	\$288,000	\$288,000	\$288,000	\$288,000

1/ The AVE is the ad valorem equivalent of a specific or compound duty rate expressed as a percent, using the most recent import data available.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission estimates.

**Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):**

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Rick Valentine, Rhodia StevenV@PrestonGates.com	8/19/04	No	No	No
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John Deming, Ciba Specialty Chemicals john.deming@cibasc.com	8/19/04	No	No	No
Debbie Savage, Clariant Corporation Debbie.Savage@clariant.com	8/19/04	No	No	No
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**Technical comments:**<sup>4</sup>

The Commission recommends the Chemical Abstracts Service registry number (CAS No.) be included in the text of the bill. See “Suggested article description,” above.

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<sup>4</sup> The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

108TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 4771

To suspend temporarily the duty on cyclopentanone.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 7, 2004

Mr. BAKER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on cyclopentanone.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### 3 **SECTION 1. CYCLOPENTANONE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of  
5 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is  
6 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following  
7 new heading:

“	9902.34.41	Cyclopentanone (provided for in subheading 2914.29.50) .....	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2007	”.
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
9 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn

- 1 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day
- 2 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

